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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING POLARIZING PLATE, AND LIQUID CRYSTAL  
DISPLAY COMPRISING THE POLARIZING PLATE

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The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in a communication dated December 10, 2003, from the Taiwanese Patent Office in a counterpart application. A copy of this communication (in Chinese) and an English translation thereof are also enclosed. References AK, AL and AM were cited in the communication from the Taiwanese Patent Office as Attachments 5, 6, and 7, respectively.

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Respectfully submitted,

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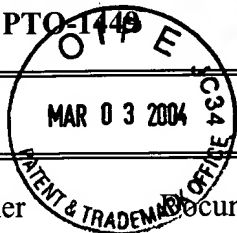
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AL	Industrial Technology Research Institute, Center for Measurement Standards, Test Report No. D921107 dated October 6, 2003
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